



David Ryu ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Fwd: DOT PARKING/ ENFORCEMENT ON Christmas Eve and Day HOLLYWOOD Sign

4 messages

Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 24, 2015 at 1:01 PM

To: David Ryu <[REDACTED]>, Daniel Park <daniel.park@lacity.org>, David Ryu <davidayyu@gmail.com>

He is up to his old tricks.

Up to you on response. I don't recommend that you do.

I lean toward responding

All of our offices are open and we are responding directly to Alan and other specific constituent concerns within minutes and sometimes seconds.

We have accomplished and changed much since the prior administration specifically to improve the safety of the residents near the Sign and Griffith Park and I will continue to work toward that end.

However we are not responding to false and uncivil statements.

Sarah Dusseault
Chief of Staff
Councilmember David E. Ryu
213 473 7004
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tony [REDACTED]
Date: December 24, 2015 at 12:48:59 PM PST
To: ALAN [REDACTED]
Cc: Rosi [REDACTED], Lester [REDACTED], PETER
<peter.zarcone@lapd.lacity.org>, MARK COHAN <34916@lapd.lacity.org>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>,
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: DOT PARKING/ ENFORCEMENT ON Christmas Eve and Day HOLLYWOOD Sign

Well, now that C4 has pretty much closed for the holiday we are on our own. There does not appear to be 1 city department managing the enforcement process.

We have been here before. Feels like being on a trapeze without a net.

This is what we elected. Same stuff different day

Thank you.

Tony

On Dec 24, 2015, at 12:09 PM, ALAN [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello all. I just drove up LedgeWood (coming from Beachwood). As all of us are aware, as you come up to the 2nd intersection with multiple turning options, there are signs blocking 1/2 of the entry to the 2 streets on the right. This has always been troublesome to those of us in Lake Hollywood as it creates a "funnel" of cars to Lake Hollywood/the illegal Vista - overwhelming our neighborhood with tourists, congestion and the associated safety risks.

Well today, in addition to the multiple signs, there is an LAPD car with two officers that is OFFICIALLY STATIONED (i.e. parked with flashing lights) right behind the signs...and making sure only residents go up that street. It's like that long street has a high-end uniformed, private security service preventing anyone but residents entering their area...paid for by the taxpayers of Los Angeles. And apparently the signs have a letter attached to the back of them from our former Councilman LaBonge "authorizing" the use of those signs. Let's face it, that would have zero chance of holding up in court as there is no legal basis for those signs/blockades.

Meanwhile, in Lake Hollywood at the Vista, there are now hordes of tourists and two park rangers stationed off to the side, perhaps making sure that no one parks on the wrong side of the street or smokes. Not like having an LAPD outpost at the bottom of a private street, is it?

There is something patently wrong with what is going on right now. Does anyone have a good explanation?

Alan Winters

On Dec 24, 2015, at 11:45 AM, Rose [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you Lester. All excellent points

Are you listening Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Ryu?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 24, 2015, at 10:54 AM, Lester [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you for the additional resources. I wanted to voice the concerns of a group that never contacts LA officials about the Vista- tourists. I have spoken to many tourists with families, including young children, who are shocked that they were directed to a raw site like the Vista that has no fencing to prevent children from falling into a ravine filled with natural vegetation and cacti. As the City knows, parents will obviously be distracted looking at the sign. It will only take a moment or two for a child to fall off the side of the Vista into a ravine. This foreseeable risk, in and of itself, should have led the City to contact Google and do what is necessary to remove this site as a mass Hollywood Sign viewing destination. It is not safe for children whatsoever. They key word here is mass. In any industry, including tourism, that deals with masses of consumers, the product offered must be safe. The Vista, which is being offered by the City (due to its failure to get it removed from Google and other sites/ and/or

closed), appears to be offering a dangerous product. The Vista can not be made safe because it would never pass an EIR to get it approved for hundreds of thousands of visitors. It was a dangerously poor choice for a viewing area.

Fire departments in my view are concerned with not just fire, but general safety. I agree with Heather Hamza that visitors should be redirected to another location that has been deemed safe for the masses. One with fencing and paved ground. This is not only due to residents' concerns. It is due to tourists' concerns for their own safety. Of course, I believe that any reasonable person who looks at this site would deem it unsafe for its purpose and take steps to close it down.

Best regards and happy holidays!

Lester

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 24, 2015, at 9:52 AM, PETER ZARCONE
<peter.zarcone@lapd.lacity.org> wrote:

All,
In addition to the enhanced deployment of DOT Officers and Park Rangers, LAPD will keep a unit in the area throughout the holiday period.

Also, Parks has adjusted the sign at the bottom of Beachwood back to the "no access to the Hollywood sign" message. Best wishes for a peaceful Holiday!

Peter A. Zarcone, Captain
Commanding Officer
Hollywood Area

On Dec 24, 2015, at 1:47 AM, Rio
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Catherine and All,

I have consolidated the concerns in this email chain:

1. Thanks for the info, Joe. Yet, fire burning index will not stop dry brush from going up in flames *as it has twice already from lit cigarettes at the Vista*. I think this is really the point.

2. Residents are asking, if this not a sanctioned tourist destination, then why is it being treated as one? And as Heather queries, why are people *not* being directed to an official destination? Does the city sanction this area as a park view zone, and if so, how can that be when there was never an environmental review or public hearing for its development?

3. Last year, and years before we have had to manage the different city depts. (LAPD, DOT, Rangers, etc.) on holidays such as this, and it looks as if we will this year too. We appreciate that we have emergency contacts. Will our contacts be available when we call them at midnight, or later, as that is also when problems arise (parties, loud music, open containers)?

4. We've seen new changes at the Vista (planting, stanchions, etc.), perhaps good ones, and are wondering if there other changes planned, and if so, will we be notified prior? The Vista was formerly balded under our noses under the guise of beauty. Now it is our beast. Forgive us our edge/distrust, but city changes for this particular area rarely involve the citizens paying for them. This is disturbing.

5. Will C4 please give us a date they will have an official response to RAP's most recent strategic proposal to take pressure off the Vista, Dirt Mulholland and Beachwood, and move traffic to a view zone with supportive infrastructure? My earlier email regarding this was not answered.

Catherine, I know you answer to higher powers, but I trust you will present our concerns. Thanks for C4's support and financial outlay. It is appreciated and we are grateful for the additional help.

Our dream is for a happy holiday, and more to come.

Sincerely,

Rio

On Dec 23, 2015, at 8:41 PM,
Heather

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Whew, what a relief. Now we don't have to be concerned when people flick their cigarette butts into the brush?

On Wed, 12/23/15, Joseph Castro
<joseph.castro@lacity.org> wrote:

Subject: Re: DOT PARKING/
ENFORCEMENT ON Christmas Eve
and Day HOLLYWOOD Sign

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"Khaled
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"Lester
[REDACTED]"

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[REDACTED], "Rose
[REDACTED]"

[REDACTED], "Tara
[REDACTED]"

"Sydney
[REDACTED]"

[REDACTED], "Paul
[REDACTED]"

"THE YORKS"
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], "Rio
[REDACTED]"

"Christine
[REDACTED]"

[REDACTED], "Linda
[REDACTED]"

"David
[REDACTED]"

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"Daniel Park"

<daniel.park@lacity.org>, "Adam
Miller" <adam.miller@lacity.org>

Date: Wednesday, December 23,
2015, 8:13 PM

Fire burning index for
Thursday & Friday is "low" with 37%

relative humidity and decent
fuel moisture levels due to the
recent rain. Minimal fire threat

Potential for some
moderate winds on Saturday
however.

Sent
from my iPhone

On Dec 23,
2015, at 7:47 PM, Heather
[REDACTED]
wrote:

This still does not
address my question.

Why
can't we direct people OUT of our
neighborhood who are
solely coming to
view the sign?

The flashing neon sign at the
bottom of Beachwood usually says,
"NO ACCESS
TO HWOOD SIGN." For some
reason, now it
only flashes "CAUTION" which
frankly has no meaning.

Thank you,
Heather

From: Catherine Landers
<catherine.land@lacity.org>

To: Tony
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, December 23,
2015 7:38 PM
Subject: Re: DOT PARKING/
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CD4 has been
in communication with all of the
departments, DOT, LAFD,
LAPD
and RAP to ensure the safety of
residents over the holiday.

As I mentioned, we are paying for a
team of

extra DOT officers from Dec 25
- Jan 3rd.

Park Rangers patrols will be
increased in the area tomorrow
and
there will be a Ranger stationed from
12-5 every day starting Dec 25.

LAPD

Watch

Commander is going ensure that
patrol car spends a
significant amount
of time in the area
enforcing no smoking and traffic
violations. LAFD is
going to commit the same resources
as it did
last year (fyl, for Thursday
and Friday the
burning index will actually be very
low).

In case of emergency your CD4
contact will be Daniel Park,
daniel.park@lacity.org
for Dec 24th and Dec 25th, and then
Adam Miller
adam.miller@lacity.org
for the remainder of the holiday period
though Jan
3rd.

Other
resources and points of contact (in
case you don't have
already):

DOT call center
24hours (213) 485-4184
Rec & Parks
Ranger Dispatch 213-644-6661 - ask
for the watch
commander
LAPD Senior Lead Officer Tracye
Fields 33844@lapd.lacity.org
LAFD Deputy Chief Joe Castro
joseph.castro@lacity.org

Thank you and have a happy
holidays,
Catherine

Catherine Landers
Office of Councilmember David Ryu

*Please excuse typos, sent
from my iPhone*

On Dec 23,
2015, at 11:03 AM, Tony


wrote:

Dear Catherine, last

year C4 also was kind enough to pay for additional enforcement coverage through the new year.

The problem was that starting Christmas Eve there was no person assigned on the City Dept side, or C4 side to oversee and assure that the enforcement was coordinated and effective.

On Christmas Eve I emailed LAFD Deputy Chief, Fire Marshal Vidovich, who immediately had two of his battalion Chiefs coordinate enforcement. DOT, RAP and LAPD were all involved and coordinated, and they helped a great deal. This was greatly appreciated.

The crowds begin to come up here on the 24th, and Christmas was scary. With beautiful weather predicted I expect even more tourist presence.

Can you please confirm who from the City Depts side and C4 will be managing this so we can rest easy via assurance of public safety?

Last year every possible law was being violated. Lots of open container drinking at the park, Illegal Vistas, and on properties on Canyon Lake. All were used as urinals, trash cans and ash treys. Tour operators were up here in droves. I do believe there were a few car accidents as well.

Thank you

Tony
Fisch

President, Tony
Consulting

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[REDACTED] M

On Dec 23,
2015, at 10:35 AM, Catherine
Landers <
catherine.landiers@lacity.org>
wrote:

Hi Tony -

CD4 is paying for additional
enforcement officers for the area
beginning on
Dec 25th and continuing through Jan
3rd.

Thank you,
Catherine

Catherine Landers
Senior
Field Deputy
*Los Angeles City Councilmember
David Ryu *
Officer [REDACTED]
<nicholas.greif@lacity.org>*ht
[tp://www.davideryu.com/](http://www.davideryu.com/)
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On Tue, Dec 22, 2015 at 11:54
PM, Torv
<[REDACTED]>
wrote:

Happy
holiday R.C. Traffic and illegal
parking are expected to
be
intensified this week under the
Hollywood
Sign with sunny days, especially
around the
Park and illegal Vistas. Can we
count on your team to be
up
here enforcing to help us through the
weekend?

Thank you in
advance for the consideration.
Thank you.
Tony Fisch

David Ryu <cd4ryu@lacity.org>
To: Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 24, 2015 at 4:17 PM

Sarah Dusseault
Chief of Staff
Councilmember David E. Ryu
[213 473 7004](tel:2134737004)
Sent from my iPhone
[Quoted text hidden]

Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 25, 2015 at 12:16 AM

To: David Ryu <~~da.ryu@lacity.org~~>

The more that I think about it, the more I think we don't respond.

I will forward you the latest string. It has not stopped all night but it's now diverged.

Sarah Dusseault
Chief of Staff
Councilmember David E. Ryu
[213 473 7004](tel:2134737004)
Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 24, 2015, at 4:17 PM, David Ryu <~~da.ryu@lacity.org~~> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

Let me know if this works- feel free to edit down. It's a bit more stronger- take particular attention to the fourth section:

Can we please all be civil.

I understand your frustrations but please understand you, we, all live in a neighborhood, community and City that has laws, regulations, interests, restrictions, and limitations that sometimes are opposing and/or outright contradictory.

Regardless- all our offices are open and we are all responding directly with Alan and other specific constituent concerns immediately- sometimes literally in minutes or seconds.

Furthermore- my office has been in constant direct contact with top brass at not only LAPD and LAFD but all relevant departments for 5 months, basically ever since I been in office. More importantly- I hope you would agree with me that my office has accomplished and changed much to specifically improve the safety of the residents near the sign and in Griffith Park- especially since the prior administration.

However, I do not appreciate the condescending, disparaging and sometimes outright rude emails- directed at me, my staff or department personnel. This does not and will not help the situation and it will not be tolerated- especially the personal attacks.

Lastly- I want to reaffirm my commitment to you that my office and the entire city is committed to and will work and have worked in the past, now and in the future (including working through Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years to strive for and ensuring public safety for all.

Happy holidays, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Thank You,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, Fourth District
City of Los Angeles

213-473-7004

[Quoted text hidden]

Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 25, 2015 at 12:09 AM

To: David Ryu [REDACTED]

I don't know if you sent but I got busy getting the kids ready and stayed off email for a while. I don't think we respond. If you did, I am certain it's fine but I would rather stop engaging them or engage in a very limited manner.

If sent tomorrow our offices are closed but we have assigned staff to monitor emails and voicemails.

Something like

As I have told you many times, I will not tolerate uncivil emails. Your rude behavior only demoralizes and accomplishes nothing.

In addition most of what has been written is false. Our offices were open Christmas Eve and we have staff assigned to monitor through the weekend. We are coordinating services of all law enforcement departments including DOT and park rangers and I am incredibly grateful for the work that they are doing to keep the neighborhood safe. The entire approach and attention to this issue has changed since I took office. I have made clear to departments and staff that the public safety of the residents and those who use the park must be the first priority.

I will continue to work toward my goal of substantially increasing public safety for all and believe that we will accomplish much in 2016.

Have a Happy New Year.